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Intimations

NOTICE.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, at 3 P.M., of the Members of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, and to which other Members of the Community are invited, to welcome LORD CHARLES BERESEFORD, who has been good enough to consent to give an Address.

By Order,
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.
HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [1530]

DINNER TO
LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

A DINNER will be given to LORD CHARLES BERESFORD by the HONGKONG BRANCH of the NAVY LEAGUE, in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd of January, 1899, at 3 P.M. All Members and Associates who wish to be present are requested to send in their Names to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [1527]

**THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the **SPECIAL RESOLUTION** passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897 the Under-signed General Managers did on the 30th

day of November, 1998 make a FINAL CALL of \$5 per SHARE on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such RESOLUTION and a FINAL CALL of \$5 on account of the PREMIUM for each such share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st

January, 1899.
Upon payment of such calls and production
of the certificates for the shares in respect of
which the same are paid, fully paid up. Certificates
will be issued in exchange for provisional
scripts.
Dated the 1st December, 1898.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

General Managers.
**THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING,
WEAVING AND DYEING CO.,
LIMITED.**
NOTICE

NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL
 INSTALMENT of \$30 per SHARE on
 the shares in above COMPANY becomes due
 on the THIRTY-FIRST day of December
 next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made
 to the BANKERS of the Company, viz., the
 HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CO.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th November 1868. [1206]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
will produce a Pantomime entitled,

'THE YELLOW DWARF,'
or
'HARLEQUIN THE KNAVE OF HEARTS,'
and the

On the following dates :—
THURSDAY, 5th January, 1899.
SATURDAY, 7th

SATURDAY,	7th	"
MONDAY,	9th	"
WEDNESDAY,	11th	"
SATURDAY,	14th	"

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec., at 10 A.M. and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., every day; SUNDAYS and

GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.
DOORS OPEN EACH EVENING, at 8 P.M.
PERFORMANCE at 8.30 PRECISELY.

Stalls and Dress Circle \$3
Pit 1

Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform
to the Pit.

Late Trams to the Peak a quarter of an hour
after fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1440]

Insurance

THE STANDARD
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FUNDS exceed EIGHT MILLIONS STERLING.
ANNUAL REVENUE OVER ONE MILLION

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Apply to
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [27]

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First

Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

NOTICE.
THE MANDANT INSURANCE COMPANY,

~~CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED~~ \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

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&c. Policies granted to all Ports of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT

Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May 1864.

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THE STATE PURCHASE OF PRIVATE RAILWAYS.

The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, through its President, Mr. Shibuya Yeiichi, has addressed a Representation to the Government and a Petition to each House of the Diet, urging the advisability of the State's purchasing the four principal private railways. This action on the part of the Chamber is not new. It took similar steps in the time of the Matsukata Cabinet and the last session of the Diet, but the dissolution of the Lower House and the subsequent resignation of the Cabinet defeated the Chamber's purpose. The Representation and the Petitions now forwarded are duplicates of those previously presented, but the Chamber appends a strongly worded covering document, in which it declares that the reasons formerly operative are to-day more urgent than ever, and that not an hour should be lost in carrying out the project.

The Government is already face to face with the necessity of making a large appeal to the foreign money market. A sum of 170 million yen, in round figures, has still to be raised in connection with the post-humane programme and the scheme of railway expansion. If to this we add 150 millions—the general estimate is 200 millions—on account of the State purchase of the four principal private roads, the total sum to be raised abroad becomes 320 million yen. The interest on that amount is 12,800,000 yen, if the loan can be floated at a 4 per cent, and 16 million yen if 5 per cent has to be paid. In other words, 12,800,000 yen now spent annually in the country would flow out of it. Of course, after a time, the greater part of the borrowed money would begin to be productive. Roughly speaking, that would be the case with fully 200 millions out of the 320, and if 6 per cent were earned on the 200 millions, the interest on the foreign debt would give no trouble. But these borrowings abroad are not entirely *carried over*. We need not mean to suggest that the money market would be lightened or anything like depression would result from the operation. On the contrary, about 250 millions of the borrowed funds would be spent in the country during the next 15 years, so that if 12,800,000 yen had to be sent abroad in payment of interest, some 17 millions would go into circulation at home, and the difference would more than suffice to perpetuate and accentuate the era of inflated prices. But there is another aspect of the matter. If 320 millions be borrowed abroad at 4 per cent, with a preliminary period of 5 years and a redemption period of 50 years, the country will find at the end of the time, that it has handed back 711 millions in principal and interest to its creditors, thus paying a clear sum of 391 millions for accommodation to the extent of 320 millions. Of course there is still another aspect. Suppose that 70 millions of the borrowed money are devoted to unproductive purposes—military and naval armaments—and 250 millions to productive enterprises which give an average net return of 5 per cent, during 55 years of the 55 year period. Then the total earnings of the various enterprises would aggregate 850 millions, consisting of 600 millions from the productive clear gain on the whole transaction is 151 millions. Still nothing can alter the fact that, in the sequel of such a transaction, 391 million yen would have flowed out of the country, from which it appears that such operations are not to be undertaken with a light heart.—*Japan Mail.*

JAPANESE JOTTINGS.

(From Japanese Papers.)

THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS IN JAPAN. According to a vernacular paper, during last year some 25,000 books were published in Japan. Of this number 5,000 dealt with law and only 1,300 with religion.

THE PRISON EXPENDITURE. The Liberal party has under consideration a proposal to make a representation to the Government calling for the transfer of prison expenditure from the local to national revenue. It is probable that the motion will be introduced early next month.

A BANDIT SUCCESS IN FORMOSA. A party consisting of a sergeant and eight privates, who were escorting mails from Samsu-ho to Korotan, Formosa, on the 25th ult., was attacked by bandits, who suddenly fired from an ambush. The sergeant and three privates were killed instantly, and the remainder had a very narrow escape.

THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER. Mr. Li Shing-to, new Chinese Minister to Tokyo, was received in audience by the Emperor on the morning of the 20th inst., when he presented his credentials and also a decoration forwarded to the Emperor. Subsequently Mr. Li was given an audience by the Empress.

OPPOSITION TO A GOVERNOR. A Tokushima dispatch states that on the 20th inst. the Tokushima Prefectural Assembly, having discovered what it believed to be strong evidence that Mr. Yamada, the Governor of the prefecture, had suggested the organization of a movement for increase of the land tax, unanimously adopted a vote of want of confidence in the Governor, and, returning all the Bills before the assembly, dispersed after shouting *Banzai* for the Emperor.

SPECIAL RICE TRANSPORT TRAINS. The *Osaka Mainichi* states that the Sanyo Railway Company has been running special trains between Hyogo and Nishinomiya for the transportation of rice which has been arriving at Hyogo Station from Bantshu and the West to the extent of some 16,000 bags daily. Now that the transport of rice from Bantshu is almost finished the cereal is beginning to pour in from Okayama and the neighbourhood.

THE IMPORT OF SALTED FISH. The Liberals have introduced a Bill into the House of Representatives to amend the new Customs Tariff by striking out the item of salted fish, on which it is proposed to levy a duty of 15 per cent. The object is to encourage the Japanese fishery on the Siberian coast, which again results in large exports of Japanese goods to Siberia. The vernacular papers call 15 per cent a prohibitive duty. If such be the case, what are we to say of the duty on whisky, which stands at 40 per cent, or of that on hams, which is 15 per cent? But then, of course, these latter articles are only used by foreigners.

LABOURERS FOR HAWAII. The Kumamoto Emigration Company has a contract to supply 657 labourers for Hawaii, to be dispatched before the close of the year, and emigrants are being engaged from Nigata, Fukushima, Miyagi, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Okayama, Oita and Fukuoka. The Kumamoto people at one time enjoyed a good reputation in Hawaii, being ranked with those from Hiroshima. Since last year, however, it is stated that many Kumamoto people were found to act in a disorderly manner, and therefore no Kumamoto men will be sent for the present. Five hundred and twelve labourers engaged by the Morioka Emigration Company left Kobe by the *Tartar* for Honolulu on the 20th inst.

PERING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 10th.

THE APPOINTMENT OF HU YU-FEN as Director-General of the railroad from Tientsin to Chinkiang is welcomed in all circles in this city. H.E. Hu himself is quite willing to undertake the work and as two responsible corporations are financing the road, its success is assured. Hu's appointment is due to the influence of Li Hung-chang in part, and also due to his successful management as Director-General of the Tientsin-Shanghai line.

A DEFENCE OF LI HUNG-CHANG. The concession recently granted Mr. Pritchard Morgan to explore the mines of Szechuan as well as to build railways necessary for mining enterprises, is also due to the influence of Li Hung-chang. Those persons who have been blackguarding Li as the enemy to all English interests will have to account for the granting of the concession to the Anglo-Italian syndicate to work Shansi, before everyone will believe that Li is as anti-English as represented.

At the present moment he is after Jung Lu, the most influential man in the Empire. It is a curious coincidence that, immediately after his last interview with the Dowager Empress, Wang Tung-ho and Wu Ta-ching should have been cashiered for ever. The former old fossil was the principal obstacle to progress for many years. The latter, as the edict cashiering him recites, a tremendous boaster with nothing to boast of. Both well deserve their perpetual retirement.

THE TSUNG-LI YAMEN. The complexion of the Tsung-Li Yamen at present is one to cause grave concern. It is anti-foreign to the last degree. The Taitai Yuan formerly of Whiu, recently added to the body is a particularly disagreeable and insulting man. Hsu Ching-cheng, ex-Minister to Germany, is the only man in the Yamen who knows how to be even decent to the Foreign Ministers. Old Chung Li, the Peking *Titu*, who is a member of the Yamen, is just such another fossil as Wang Tung-ho, without Wang's courtly politeness, however. A number of robberies of foreign houses have taken place in the last few months, all of which have in due course been reported to the Tsung-Li Yamen and by that Yamen referred to the *Titu*, but we have yet to learn of a single article being recovered or the loss made good.

STUDIED INACTION. We recently heard the American Minister say he had reported four robberies of Americans to the Yamen but beyond promises to recover nothing has been done. The *gendarmes* of Peking is rotten to the core, more rotten if possible than the usual purely native administration.

THE WALL IS CLOSED. The Foreign Minister is a bit piqued to find their liberty of walking on the city wall has been curtailed. Several Ministers have recently been refused permission to promenade on the wall. The authorities say the Empress Dowager herself has issued orders forbidding promenade on the wall. This is an annoyance in retaliation for not removing the foreign soldiers.

HEALTH MATTERS. The three soldiers of the U.S. Marine Guard who have come down with small pox are all being cared for by the sisters at the Nan Tang, and are reported to be doing well. Dr. Dehve, who was attending them, became ill and it was feared he too had the disease but a few days proved it to be an ordinary attack of fever and he is now about again. A great deal of influenza exists in the city, due it is said to the remarkably open weather.

THE PROPOSED MUSEUM. Mr. Gustav Niederlein visited this city last week in the interest of the International Commercial Museum and had an interview with the Tsung-Li Yamen. They gave him a very lukewarm reception and while protesting their willingness to aid him to the extent of their power, claimed that the country was not ripe yet for extending to any marked degree commercial museum enterprise. However they promised to instruct all the Viceroys and Governors of provinces to aid as far as possible in introducing Mr. Niederlein to the merchants and Taitais in power. Tung Fu-shiang's Kansu soldiers are reported to be nearly all moved away, but we still see a few of them daily in the Southern city.

WE WONDER WHAT TUNG WILL SAY when he learns that Hu Yu-fen is to build another of those cursed railroads. We, Pekingites or capitalists as we prefer to be called are beginning to be proud of our Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building. It is time for the Russo-Chinese Bank to imitate or perhaps go one better. We expect to have a lively winter in Peking. Twenty-one English Legation students, seven young men in the Customs, and eight new professors in.

THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY. The latter institution is still unopened, so to speak, but we are informed desks are now nearly completed and the entrance examination about to take place—so be it.—*N. C. D. News Cor.*

SOLDIERS & SAILORS INSTITUTE.

The Rev. G. R. Vallings, Chairman, acknowledges with thanks the following donations towards the Fund for new furniture, etc.:

Capt. King-Hall, H.M.S. *Narcissus* \$10
Capt. Comdr. Hon. G. Hardinge, H.M.S. *Rattler* 5
Comdr. W. Smythe, H.M.S. *Linnæ* 5
Lt. Comdr. Dornier, H.M.S. *Pigmy* 5

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.
DECEMBER.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1897.

Barometer 29.818
Thermometer 80.1
Humidity 77
Rainfall 8.58

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.

Barometer 30.13
Thermometer 62
Humidity 71
Rainfall 59

TO-DAY.
Friday, 30th December, 1898.

Chinese—18th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.
High water—Morning 5hr. 50min.
Afternoon 5hr. 40min.
Low water—Morning 5hr. 40min.
Afternoon 5hr. 20min.

1893—Grand Concert at Government Civil Hospital.
1896—Dr. Rizal shot at Manila for complicity in the rebellion.

TO-MORROW.
Saturday, 31st December, 1898.
(St. Silvester.)

Chinese—19th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.
High water—Afternoon 5hr. 25min.
and 10hr. 30min.
Low water—Morning 5hr. 25min.
Afternoon 5hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1862—The town clock first started to usher in 1863.
1870—Lord W. H. Bentinck died.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE.
French (*Laos*) 1st prox.
Australian (*Chungshu*) 3th prox.
Australian (*Guthrie*) 5th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 20th prox.
American (*Gladie*) 21st prox.

THE O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tantalus* from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 28th instant, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 3rd proximo.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.
Tai Hong 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Chowshan 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Bygd 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
H.L.G.M.S. Moew 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
H.L.G.M.S. Gifon 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Ask 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
H.L.G.M.S. K. Ate 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Athenion 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Hainan 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Isla de Cuba 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Isla de Luzon 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Anigo 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Odo 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Hailong 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Pakshan 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Hankow 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Haitan 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
Chowat 11.45 A.M. Kaiser
SWATOW.

Arrivals.
Dec. 28 *Changchew* Amoy, L.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Formosa* Amoy, L.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Haitan* Hongkong, L.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Wuchang* Wuhu, B. & S.
29 *Shengking* Wuhu, B. & S.
Departures.
Dec. 28 *Chew* Amoy & Shai, B. & S.
28 *Dechang* S'pore, L.Y.S. & Co.
28 *Changchew* S'pore, L.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Singai* Shanghai, B. & S.
29 *Formosa* Hongkong, L.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Haitan* Amoy, L.Y.S. & Co.
IN PORT—*Peking, Wuchang, Shengking.*

PASSED THE CANAL.
Outward—Dec. 6th *Tantalus*, Dec. 9th *Sikh*, *Socatra*, *Vladimir*, Dec. 11th *Patricius*, *Nor*, *man* *Isle*, Dec. 16th *Sorina*, *Vine*, *Branch*, Dec. 20th *Glenesk*, *Prusen*, *Etrickdale*, Dec. 23rd *Wilmington*, *Hall*, *Tonkin*, Dec. 27th *Manila*.

Homeward—Dec. 27th *Bannock*, *Onpach*.

"GO AND TELL THE OTHERS."

TWO were eleven of us in all, four women and seven men. We were passengers on board the sailing ship *Black Swallow*, 600 tons, bound from London to Calcutta. The crew had mutinied and marooned us on Amsterdam Island—a great, bleak rock in the Indian Ocean. Ten days passed. We had consumed most of our provisions and all our water. Thus far we had only eaten the food which we had brought with us. We had no food on the island. No rain from the heavens fell on the soil. Our lives were hanging by a thread. We were in a desperate state. We were in a desperate state. We were in a desperate state.

One more attempt! The last. Two of the men—the least feebly—started. Hours went by, hours that felt like centuries. The men lay on the ground, exhausted and despairing. The men lay on the ground, exhausted and despairing. The men lay on the ground, exhausted and despairing.

"From my childhood I have been subject to heart-ache and dizziness. At the age of seventeen I was very weak and ill. My tongue was turned, my appetite was lost. My feet seemed to have no strength. I was always tired. My hands and feet were cold and clammy, and my skin of a creamy hue. One day, whilst in service at Mrs. Smith's, Park Road, I was told that I was to be married. On arriving there I had great pain and suffering at the heart. I could scarcely stand. It so frightened my mother that she got some neighbours to assist me to the doctor's. He said, 'Your heart is in a shocking state!'

"If I gave me medicine, but I was not relieved by them. Getting worse I gave up my situation, being too ill to leave home. Soon I was seized with a most cruel and irritating of the throat and chest. I could get no sleep on account of it. I would all up in bed until daylight coughing and spitting, and was of course very weak. My feet were cold and clammy, and my skin of a creamy hue. One day, whilst in service at Mrs. Smith's, Park Road, I was told that I was to be married. On arriving there I had great pain and suffering at the heart. I could scarcely stand. It so frightened my mother that she got some neighbours to assist me to the doctor's. He said, 'Your heart is in a shocking state!'

"In January, 1880, I went to the Dewsbury Infirmary, where I was under treatment for six weeks. The doctors gave me iron mixture and other tonics, but they had no effect. Other young girls, now there, being treated for ailments like mine, to as little purpose as far as I could see.

"I next tried change of air, and went to Holford, also to Bally, without benefit. I continued to waste away, and people said I would never recover. In May, 1881, I first read of Mother Selig's Bazaar. In a book that was left at our house.

"Mother got me a bottle from Mr. J. Day, the chemist, Thornhill Lane, and I began taking it. After taking only a few doses I felt some relief, the heaviness at my chest and the pain at my heart were easier, and my food digested and agreed with me. I now grew stronger every day and was soon able to go back to my work. But I kept on taking the Bazaar still, and to the surprise of every one, the colour came to my cheeks, and I have since enjoyed the best of health. All my family were delighted as you may well believe. (Signed) Mrs. Hannah Miles, 18, Walker's Buildings, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lane, Dewsbury, October 12th, 1892.

"If we could have afforded it, we should have published all the particulars of my case in the newspapers, that others might know where to look for a remedy. U. M."

There! that is it. She wanted to tell the others when to find a cure for indigestion, and dyspepsia, and its dangerous consequences, when all hope seems to have faded away.

Intimations.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
MEMBERS of the CONGREGATION at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, who have not yet subscribed to the CATHEDRAL FUND, are invited to send their subscriptions for the current year to the Undersigned. Will they kindly do so before the 31st inst.?
T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1492]

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.
IN accordance with ORDINANCE No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. E. SANSON,
Acting Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED,
J. THURBURN,
Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE-BANK, LIMITED, CHOH,
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [1522]

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.
THE Undersigned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899—

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

CANTON-INSURANCE-OFFICE, LD.
General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

YANUTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

CITY FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1491]

EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS,
Occulist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at FLETCHER & Co.'s PHARMACY, (Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).

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Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring GLASSES only to correct and cure.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

Intimations.

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Priced to suit all Customers.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [1487]

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Prof. H. WINTER.
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Those who wish Mr. WINTER to visit them will please send their Address and he will call on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS between 2 and 3 P.M.

Charges Moderate.

The Professor speaks English, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1898. [1478]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE".

Captain Vyvyan, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January, 1899, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [1525]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CHUSAN".

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., *ex S.S. Rome*,
From Persian Gulf, *ex S.S. Assyria* and *Klima*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 11 A.M. on the 26th instant.

Goods not cleared by the 1st January at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [1-w 5]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "COPTIC".

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. & VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [3]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PESHAWUR".

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods

Announcements.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.
RIJUN MARU	SEATTLE, (WASH. U.S.A.) VIA TO-MORROW, 31st Dec, at Noon.	
HAKATA MARU	MAKESBILLS, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	Thursday, 5th Jan, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

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NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

JEYES FLUID
THE BEST DISINFECTANT

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY USE OF W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co. Bank Buildings. Hongkong, 9th March, 1897. [1]

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [43]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., 1899.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., 1899.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899.

The magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, second to none in the World, the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
AMERICA MARU...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...Saturday, 14th Jan., 1899.
HONGKONG MARU...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...Tuesday, 7th Feb., 1899.
YAMAGUCHI MARU...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...Saturday, 4th March, 1899.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

*HEIDELBERG...HAMBURG...31st Dec...Freight and Passage.
*SIBIRIA...GENOA AND HAMBURG...About 5th Jan...Freight and Passage.
*HILDEBRANDT...LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*ASTORIA...HAMBURG, ANTWERP, and LONDON...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*Hahn...LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*D. RICKMERS...HAMBURG AND LONDON...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*Pape...LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*SARMA...HAMBURG AND LONDON...About 14th Jan...Freight.
*Ehlers...LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG...About 14th Jan...Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient indication offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [981]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Carlisle City...[3,002]...[Jan. 15]
Carnarvonshire...[2,929]...[Feb. 14]

THE Steamship.

"CARLISLE CITY" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on or about the 15th January.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 8th November, 1898. [1330]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 21st Jan. at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 16th Feb. at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 14th March at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship.

"CITY OF PEKING," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of America. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding Orders TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have the choice of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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